

Remarks

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, Applicant sincerely appreciates the allowance of pending claims 5-19. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the remaining pending claims 1-4 based on the above amendments and the following remarks. The pending claims are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claim 1 has been amended to specify that the original files comprise a primary file in which at least one additional file is embedded. Support for this amendment may be found on page 11, lines 27-31 of the Specification. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-19 are currently pending in the application. Claims 5-19 are allowed. Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelly, S.B. (hereinafter "Kelly"), Mastering WordPerfect, pp. 284-288 (Sybex, 1987) in view of Hart-Davis, G., "The ABCs of Word 97," Sybex, 1997, Chapter 20 (hereinafter "Davis").

Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelly in view of Davis. As discussed in Applicant's previous Response filed on May 27, 2003, Kelly teaches an automatic backup method for replacing original files with temporary files in the event of a power or machine failure (Fig. 12.15, page 286). During normal operation, a computer program saves the original files at periodic intervals with temporary file names. Following the occurrence of a failure, the program offers a user the option of renaming or deleting a saved temporary file (page 284, lines 8-21).

Amended independent claim 1 recites a method for completing a file save operation by replacing original files with replacement files. The claim specifies, among other features, that the replacement files comprise a main file in which at least one additional file is embedded and that the original files comprise a primary file in which at least one additional file is embedded.

As acknowledged by the Examiner in the Office Action, Kelly fails to explicitly disclose replacement files comprising a main file in which at least one additional file is embedded. It is respectfully submitted that Kelly further fails to teach, disclose, or suggest original files comprising a primary file in which at least one additional file is embedded.

Davis, relied upon in the Office Action to cure the deficiencies of Kelly, discloses saving a document created in a word processor as an HTML file. Davis further teaches that if the document (or file) to be saved includes certain items (e.g., tables, lists, or graphics), creating HTML documents and then placing the items within the HTML documents. See Page 3, first paragraph. Davis, however, fails to teach, disclose, or suggest original files (i.e., a documents prior to being saved as an HTML file) comprising a primary file in which at least one additional file is embedded, as specified by amended independent claim 1. Therefore, in view of the foregoing, amended independent claim 1 is allowable over Kelly in view of Davis and the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn. Claims 2-4 depend from amended independent claim 1 and thus are allowable for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1 as well as the additional features set forth therein. Accordingly, the rejections of these claims should also be withdrawn.

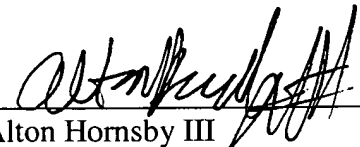
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now believed to be in a condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call directly Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge Deposit Account Number 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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